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1. Although the Comando Difesa Popolare Circondariale and the Comando Difesa Popolare Frontiera are generally referred to as being one organization, each is independently responsible to the Zone B Ministry of Interior.
2. Strength of the various police commands differs according to the size of the cities and towns in which the detachments are located. Kopar has a detachment of more than 230 men; Isola, 60 men; Portorose, 40 men; while small villages such as Strugnano and Monte di Kopar have less than 20 men each.
3. The Difesa Popolare Cittadina is headed by an officer, whose rank generally varies from Captain to Lieutenant Colonel, and who is responsible for all military problems. The deputy commander is generally a First or Second Lieutenant, who is responsible for the moral and political welfare of the men. A third officer is in charge of Public Order, and conducts all investigations and liaison with the UDB. Rural detachments have the same hierarchy, but in some cases the positions are held by non-commissioned officers.
4. The Difesa Popolare Frontier commands are comprised only of sufficient men to man the block posts 24 hours a day. In each of the districts of Buie and Kopar a reserve group of about twelve men is kept in readiness to reinforce block port or port control sections if the need should arise.
5. Each member of the Difesa Popolare is armed with a rifle, and each detachment has an average of about one machine gun and three machine pistols for every ten men. Additional arms, including mortars, are stored in each district headquarters.

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